

# OCEAN SHORES

A sunset over the ocean with a person carrying a surfboard. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The person is silhouetted against the bright light, walking towards the right. The waves are visible in the distance, and the overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

**July**  
**2017**

**A Coastal WA Community**

Ocean Shores sits on a 9.3 square mile peninsula at the mouth of Grays Harbor, the only deep-water port on the Pacific coast north of San Francisco. The community has nearly 6,000 residents. Developed in the 1960's, Ocean Shores is one of Washington's most popular retirement and resort destinations.

Ocean Shores' six miles of sandy beaches extend north another fifteen miles, to Moclips. The City has twenty-three miles of interconnecting lakes and canals, plus scenic bayside properties. Over 1,300 overnight accommodations are available. Most are on the ocean, with fireplaces, swimming pools, spas, and full kitchens. The Convention Center hosts numerous meetings and public events year around.

Recreational opportunities include world-class bird watching, exploration of our 1,226 acre Oyhat Wildlife Recreation Area and Protection Island, year around festivals, fresh water, salt water and surf fishing, clamming in season, whale watching, camping at Ocean City State Park, kite flying, sandcastle building, horseback riding on the beach, beachcombing, boating, a casino, and every visitor's favorite pastime—simply walking on the beach. With 120 miles of streets, exploring Ocean Shores is quite an adventure whether by car, bicycle or one of the many rental mopeds or pedal vehicles. Wildlife is abundant, and viewing deer, blue heron, seals, pelicans, etc., from just a few feet away is common. Enjoy our eighteen hole championship golf course, intriguing shops and restaurants.

Winter in Ocean Shores is perfect for relaxing or romantic interludes. Curl up in front of a roaring fire with a good book while winter storms and crashing waves rage just outside your window. Take a walk on the beach, all bundled-up with the surf at your feet. Visit the North Jetty where wildlife is abundant and the spray from huge waves hitting the rocks shoots sea spray thirty feet into the air. The Jetty is also one of the best locations to view incredible sunsets. Don't forget your camera.

This Community Profile and Visitor Information Guide is a product of the City of Ocean Shores. For further information, call the City at (360) 289-3099 or the North Beach Ocean Shores Chamber of Commerce at (360) 289-2451.

Call the Visitor Information Center at (360) 289-9586. or email at [beach@osgov.com](mailto:beach@osgov.com).

Most photos by Stuart May, Fusions Art Gallery.

***Ocean Shores . . . More than a beach.***



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## 2017 Late Summer Special Events

- Woolf-a-Thon August 12
- 12th Man Fan Fest August 18-20
- Airport Appreciation Day August 26
- AAOS Arts & Crafts Festival Sept. 1-3
- Whale of a Quilt Show Sept. 15-17
- Irish Music Festival October 25-29
- Winter Fanta Sea Nov. 24-26

## 2018 Winter-Spring Special Events

- Antique Show Feb. 16-18
- Beachcombers Fun Fair March 3-4
- Razor Clam Extravaganza March 16-18
- Fine Arts, Photo, & Electronic Media Shows April 27-29
- Youth Fishing Derby May 12
- Grays Harbor Expo May 25-27
- Wearable Art Show June 2

## 2018 Summer Special Events

- Festival of Colors (Kite Flying) pending
- Flag Day Parade June 9
- Sand and Sawdust June 22-24
- OS Beach Blast pending
- Bikers at the Beach July 27-29



### *Business Community*

**Shops:** clothing, kites, candy, pet care, knick-knacks, games and puzzles, wines, beer, liquor, groceries, clamming gear, gifts, hardware, appliances, antiques, collectibles, and more.

**Restaurants:** from fast food to fine dining, ethnic foods, comfort food, and live entertainment.

**Hotels,** bed and breakfasts, motels, cottages, nightly, weekly or longer term rentals.

**Family entertainment:** boat rides, camping, bumper cars, RVing, and more.

**Real estate:** brokers and agents, rental agencies, large and small.

**Galleries:** display our vibrant arts community.

**Banks** and a credit union.

### *Marine Climate*

Ocean Shores features a marine climate with cool, comparatively dry summers. Winters are relatively wet with mild temperatures and great storm watching.

### *Nearby*

Besides miles and miles of great beaches, you'll find birding, clamming in season, and all sorts of beachcombing finds.

Just north of town, the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino offers fine dining and lighter fare, live entertainment, a sports bar, meeting rooms, and more. The nearby North Beach State Park provides tent and RV camping. Further north, near Moclips, the Museum of the North Beach features glimpses into the coastal past.

Great restaurants and resorts abound.

Further afield, try Westport's charter fishing or exploring the tall ships in Aberdeen.

Make Ocean Shores the hub of your visit and enjoy everything the Coast has to offer.

### *Distances in Miles*

Aberdeen	23	Port Angeles	143
Bellingham	216	Portland	165
Chehalis	80	Pullman	399
Ellensburg	221	Seattle	132
Everett	157	Spokane	391
Olympia	72	Tacoma	102



### **City Parks:**

**North Bay Park** hosts a sheltered cookout, picnic tables, baseball field with dugouts, soccer field, children's play area, boat launch, fishing dock, tennis court and restrooms.

**Chinook Park** has a boat launch and fishing pier on Duck Lake. Special facilities for handicapped are also available.

**Emerson Park** features a tennis court and is near downtown Ocean Shores.

### **Community Club Parks:**

Many property owners belong to the Ocean Shores Community Club for a small annual fee. The Club includes a Clubhouse, a heated indoor swimming pool, meeting rooms, cafe, game rooms, spa, weight and exercise rooms, saunas, gym, and scheduled activities for residents. The Community Club also maintains several parks with amenities like covered barbecues, tennis courts, ball fields, playgrounds, outdoor swimming pools, horseshoe pits, picnic tables, fireplaces, docks, and restrooms.

### *Community Organizations*

- Associated Arts of Ocean Shores
- Block Watch
- Coastal Interpretive Center
- Chamber of Commerce
- Community Club
- Elks Lodge No. 2581
- Food Bank
- Fraternal Order of Eagles
- Fresh Waterways Corporation
- Friends of the Library
- Kiwanis Club
- Lions Club of Ocean Shores
- Red Hats
- Senior Center, North Beach
- Senior Resources
- VFW Post No. 8956

### *City Volunteers*

- Airport Development & Operating Committee
- Civil Service Commission
- Crime Watch Volunteers
- Fresh Waterways Advisory Committee
- Library Board of Trustees
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Parks Board
- Planning Commission
- Radio Board
- Volunteer Firefighters

### *Aberdeen's Tall Ships*



Tall ships sail Grays Harbor throughout the summer. Call 1-800-200-5239 or check their website: [historicalseaport.org](http://historicalseaport.org) for scheduled sailings

### North Beach Schools

The District includes the Ocean Shores and Pacific Beach Elementary schools. The North Beach Junior and Senior High School is located just northeast of the entrance gates to Ocean Shores. Current District enrollment is about 650 students.

### Grays Harbor College

Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen offers two and four year degrees, and pre-requisite studies for bachelor degrees. High School students may also earn college credits.

### Medical, Dental & Other Facilities

SeaMar Medical Clinic is on Pt. Brown Ave. next to the Fire Station. The Fire Station on Pt. Brown Ave., also has a 24-hour Aid Room.

Ocean Shores Dental Clinic is on Pt. Brown Ave. There are also physical therapy and chiropractic clinics, an optometrist, and a pharmacy. Brookdale Assisted Living Community provides personalized long-term care and services.

Ocean Shores belongs to Grays Harbor Hospital District # 2, with the hospital in Aberdeen.

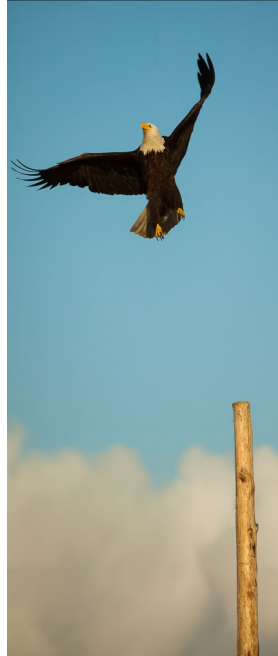
Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

### News Media

The North Coast News published weekly, the Community Club's Ocean Observer monthly, and the Aberdeen Daily World provide local news. Newspapers from further away are available as well.

The North Beach Community Television covers local events and Coast Communications provides internet and cable television services.

Volunteers staff the City-owned KOSW 91.3 FM with music, talk radio, and news. Also, tune to KOSW when there is an emergency for the latest information.



### Fire and Emergency Care

The Ocean Shores Fire Department, at 585 Pt. Brown Avenue NW, is staffed by twenty career firefighter paramedics or EMTs and twenty paid-volunteer personnel. The station is staffed twenty-four hours a day.

The service runs four ambulances and has a walk-in first-aid room.

Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

### Police

The Ocean Shores Police Department, at 577 Pt. Brown Ave. NW, is staffed with a Chief of Police, three Sergeants, a Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer, seven Patrol Officers and a Records Clerk. Some of the officers are trained in boating safety and man the Patrol Boat as needed.

A volunteer Crime Watch group patrols the beach and checks on homes and businesses.

Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

### Veterinary Services

The Ocean Shores Animal Hospital, located at 800 Ocean Shores Blvd., offers full veterinary services and some pet supplies.

### Municipal Airport

The Ocean Shores Airport W04 is located on the Harbor, east of the City. The Airport has a 3100 foot long and 55 foot wide runway, tie-downs on blacktop, and a pilot's lounge. It lies at 13 feet elevation on the eastern edge of the peninsula at 47° 00.2 ' N 124° 08.5 ' W.

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### Ocean Shores Library

The City Library offers books, dvds, digital books, and features an excellent children's summer program with educational and entertaining events.

## *Pacific Ocean Beaches*

Six miles long and two miles wide, Ocean Shores public beaches are perfect for beach-combing, clam digging and whale watching. The Olympic Mountains in the northeast and Mt. Rainier in the southeast.

At Damon Pt., a long, curved beach between Harbor and Ocean leads to Protection Island. A great agate beach. And, some years, Snowy Owls winter on the Island.

On the southwestern tip of Ocean Shores at the mouth of Grays Harbor, lies the jetty. Winter waves crashing against the jetty are truly spectacular.

## *Coastal Interpretive Center*

The Interpretive Center is a hands-on learning center, that encourages touching, feeling, and handling the exhibits. Get up-close and personal with whale bones, bird feathers, animal pelts and rocks.

Located at the south end of the City, the Center features local history exhibits and artifacts. Their focus is on children, local lore, education and entertainment. The Center is volunteer-run, open to the public, and free.

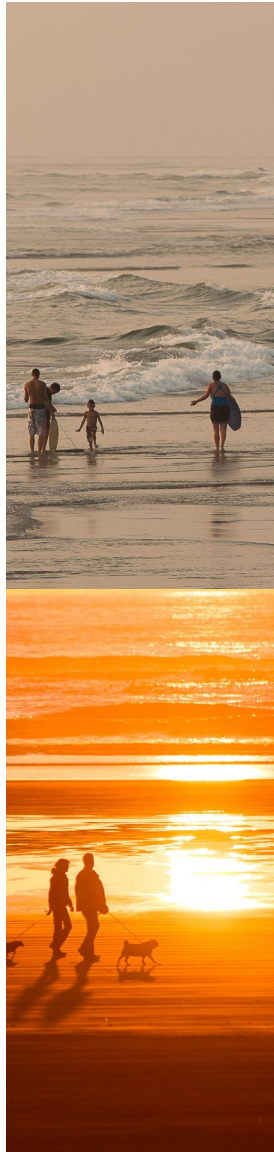
## *Pets*

Ocean Shores has several pet friendly hotels and motels. Dogs need to be leashed except for the off-leash beach at the beach near the Taurus beach approach. In town businesses offer doggy daycare and supplies.

Ocean Shores limits the number of pets per family living in Ocean Shores, requires pet licensing, and does not allow barnyard animals (such as chickens) or exotic pets.

## *North Beach PAWS*

Northeast of town, PAWS serves the community with spay/neuter clinics, low-income vouchers, and many volunteer opportunities. PAWS has pets awaiting adoption.



## *Community Club*

The Ocean Shores Community Club offers amenities for members, including indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a bay-side restaurant, weight room, exercise room, sauna, tennis courts, Bayshore Clubhouse, playfields, a basketball court, and more. Activities for all age groups are organized throughout the year, including trips to theater events and favorite southwest Washington locations.

## *Churches*

Located in the immediate Ocean Shores area:

Ocean Shores Baptist Church

St. Jerome Catholic Church

Ocean Shores Methodist

The Galilean (Lutheran) Chapel

The Latter-Day Saints (LDS, Mormon)

Faith Community Church (Southern Baptist)

Shores Fellowship Assembly of God.

## *North Beach Senior Center*

885 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW, open daily, offering meals, a place for seniors to gather, and a friendly face.

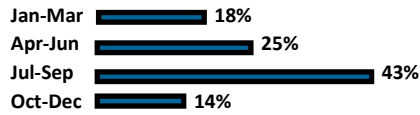
## *Nature at Our Door*

Wild deer roam the streets of Ocean Shores. In the spring and summer, fawns may be hidden in the bushes next to the streets or in tall grass in the medians. Drivers should be especially careful in the spring and summer.

Beaver, otters, raccoons, bald eagles, heron, snowy owls (in winter), and brown pelicans (in summer) as well as a variety of water and shore birds, are plentiful.

### Lodging Revenues

The following chart shows lodging revenues by season.



### Lodging Tax Revenues

2013:	\$ 762,358
2014:	\$ 867,236
2015:	\$ 938,465
2016:	\$ 975,558

\*Used for Convention Center debt and tourism-related expenses.

### Sales Tax Revenues

2013:	\$ 637,850
2014:	\$ 695,831
2015:	\$ 801,720
2016:	\$ 929,575

### Permits & Home Starts

Year	# Permits	Starts
2013	241	45
2014	230	50
2015	356	92

### City General Fund Uses

Year	Total	Police	Fire
2013:	\$ 4,357,383	\$ 1,442,619	\$ 440,623
2014:	\$ 4,580,700	\$ 1,477,082	\$ 501,013
2015:	\$ 4,932,034	\$ 1,578,380	\$ 572,489
2016:	\$ 5,032,722	\$ 1,750,423	\$ 577,279

### Traffic Count

2011:	3,661,185
2013:	3,689,525
2014:	3,978,155
2015:	4,253,864
2016:	4,835,938

Estimated using State Dept. of Transportation formulas based on vehicle counters at the two City entrances.



### New Construction Values

2012:	\$ 8,321,148
2013	\$ 9,989,090
2014	\$ 11,672,527
2015	\$ 22,195,320
2016	\$ 21,809,809

\*Based on Permitting

### 2016 Property Taxes

Grays Harbor County....	1.8000
Port of Grays Harbor.....	0.4122
North Beach Schools.....	1.9237
State Schools.....	1.9590
Hospital District.....	0.5000
City of Ocean Shores	
Basic.....	2.9394
EMS Levy.....	0.4965
Library Levy.....	0.2770
Utilities-	
Sewer Levy.....	1.6023
Total for City of OS ....	5.3152
Total Levy .....	11.9101

\* Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value

### Retail Sales, Services, & Business Licenses

\*Based on Business and Occupation Taxes

	2014		2015		2016	
	Business Licenses	Gross Revenues	Business Licenses	Gross Revenues	Business Licenses	Gross Revenues
Clothing	0	\$ -	1	\$ -	3	\$ 9,560.00
Contractor General	103	7,045,908	142	10,195,225	166	19,363,760
Contractor Specialty	61	4,000,925	86	4,822,310	82	4,541,445
Food Services/Grocery	9	16,687,520	13	17,436,850	18	18,494,660
Building Supplies	4	2,519,355	4	3,682,830	4	2,958,085
Motel/RV Parks/Lodging	41	17,920,705	53	17,872,550	57	18,867,450
Real Estate	10	2,394,435	13	3,811,305	12	3,175,120
Restaurant	24	12,389,060	26	13,354,395	27	15,785,220
Automotive Services	2	624,565	3	793,100	2	781,455
Retail Misc	91	13,190,825	127	19,622,055	122	21,201,105
Leisure Activities	8	2,318,715	10	2,562,220	7	2,320,255
Barber/Beauty Shop	6	223,140	8	270,005	7	165,810
Professional Services	30	9,458,160	44	10,342,035	43	9,607,950
News Media	2	157,225	2	229,095	2	189,475
General Services	39	2,404,200	74	3,274,060	78	2,678,510
Home Occupation	5	149,580	10	220,965	7	68,765
	435	\$ 91,484,318	616	\$ 108,489,000	637	\$ 120,208,625